

A map of Iraq and surrounding regions, with Iraq highlighted in yellow. The map shows the Persian Gulf to the east and the Mediterranean Sea to the north. The title "Iraq Weekly Status Report" is centered over the yellow area of Iraq.

# **Iraq Weekly Status Report**

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### 1. **Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgents**

The number of caches found and cleared continue to grow, with the number seized in the first six months of 2007 greater than all of 2006 combined. In the last week alone, Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces seized more than 120 weapons caches. Leads and tips from Iraqi citizens are responsible for leading to the discovery of many of the caches. The current number of tips received per month, approximately 23,000, is nearly four times as many as the number from this time last year.

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Iraq's 25,000+ member National Police is in the second of a four-phase transformation program to help them become a proficient, loyal law enforcement organization that serves all of Iraq's citizens. The first phase of the program, initiated by General Casey in 2006, was an overall look at operations. The second phase, being conducted now and due to conclude October 10, is a month-long training program for each national police brigade. About 75% of the curriculum teaches students how to perform law enforcement duties in a democracy, while the other 25% focuses on tactical skills, such as patrolling, cordon-and-search operations, and conducting checkpoints.

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All six ministers from Iraq's largest Sunni bloc tendered their resignation from the Prime Minister's coalition government August 1 following a month-long spat. The decision by the Tawafuq Party effectively ends any claim by the Shiite-dominated coalition to be a government of national unity, and strikes another blow at Iraq's already faltering program of national reconciliation.

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### 7. International Support for Iraq

Saudi Arabia pledged August 1 to explore opening diplomatic relations with the Shiite-led government in Iraq, an endorsement long sought by the United States. The Saudi Foreign Minister, Prince Saud al-Faisal, told the visiting U.S. Secretaries of State and Defense that his country would soon send a diplomatic mission to Baghdad to "explore how we can start an embassy in Iraq." Saudi Arabia has had strained relations with the Iraqi government of Prime Minister Nuri Kamal al-Maliki and has not hidden its suspicions that Maliki does not have the interests of the Sunni minority of Iraq at heart.

### 8. Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents

Iraqi television channels broadcast images of united Iraqis celebrating the national soccer team's win over Saudi Arabia, earning the country's first Asian Cup title.



## [1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

### Coalition and ISF Efforts Gain Tactical Momentum:

- Rear Admiral Mark Fox, Deputy Spokesman for Multi-National Forces-Iraq, stated July 30 that Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) and Coalition Forces (CF) have established a degree of tactical momentum, pressuring former sanctuaries in the Baghdad Belts, around Ramadi, and in and around Baquba. These operations are denying al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) the freedom of movement and disrupting extremist secret cells, while increasing the confidence of the local citizens in the CF and ISF.

### Number of Caches Found Continues to Grow:

- The number of caches found and cleared continue to grow. In the last week, CF and ISF seized more than 120 weapons caches.
  - A noteworthy part of last week's total - ISF conducted a raid in al-Nasiriya July 24, seizing a cache that included 42 IEDs - each weighing approximately 15 kilograms - approximately 400 rockets of various calibers, 70 mortar rounds, and 11 heavy machine guns.
- The number of weapons caches seized in the first six months of 2007 is greater than all of last year combined.
- Leads and tips from Iraqi citizens led to the discovery of many of the caches. Additionally, there are nearly four times as many tips received now, at approximately 23,000 tips a month, compared to this time last year.



## [2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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### Iraq's National Police in Second-Phase of Specialized Training:

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- The first phase of the program, initiated by General Casey in 2006, was an overall look at operations. The second phase, being conducted now and due to conclude October 10, is a month-long training program for each national police brigade. About 75% of the curriculum teaches students how to perform law enforcement duties in a democracy, while the other 25% focuses on tactical skills such as patrolling, cordon-and-search operations, and conducting checkpoints.
- Phase Three consists of "Carabinieri-like" training similar to that of Italy's paramilitary police force and is scheduled to start around October 15. The fourth phase, which has no start date planned, will consist of deploying newly trained national police officers to posts across Iraq.

### Iraqi Army Soldiers Complete Combat Lifesaver Course:

- Fifteen Iraqi Army soldiers, ranging in rank from private first class to warrant officer, graduated from the first Iraqi Ground Forces Command (IGFC) Combat Lifesaver Course (CLC) at Camp Victory, Iraq July 29.



## [2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

### Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~135,000
NATIONAL POLICE	~ 26,300
OTHER MOI FORCES	~32,900
TOTAL	~194,200*

### Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~156,900***
AIR FORCE	~900
NAVY	~1,100
TOTAL	~158,900**

### Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

**~353,100\*\*\*\***

\* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers

\*\* Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers

\*\*\* Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces

\*\*\*\* Does not include the approximately 144,000 Facilities Protection Service personnel working in 27 ministries



### [3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government

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#### Sunni Ministers Resign from Maliki Cabinet:

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#### Iraqi Parliament Takes Recess:

- Iraq's Parliament headed into a month-long summer recess July 30, halting work despite calls from the U.S. and Prime Minister Maliki for lawmakers to shorten their break to push through important legislation. Iraqi representatives defended the decision to take off until September 4, saying they had already cut their scheduled two-month summer break in half and extended their work week from three to six days.





### [3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - **Iraqi National Unity Government**

		<b>Deputy President</b> Tariq al-Hashimi	<b>President</b> Jalal Talabani	<b>Deputy President</b> 'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi	
		<b>Deputy Prime Minister</b> Barham Salih	<b>Prime Minister</b> Nuri al-Maliki	<b>Deputy Prime Minister</b> Salam al-Zawba'i	(F) = Female * Vacant
<b>Minister of Agriculture</b> *	<b>Minister of Communications</b> Muhammad Tawfiq Allawi	<b>Minister of Culture</b> *	<b>Minister of Defense</b> Abdul Qadir Muhammed Jasim	<b>Minister of Displacement &amp; Migration</b> Abd al-Samad Rahman Sultan	<b>Minister of Electricity</b> Karim Wahid
<b>Minister of Education</b> Khudayyir al-Khuza'i	<b>Minister of Environment</b> Narmin 'Uthman (F)	<b>Minister of Finance</b> Bayan Jabr	<b>Minister of Foreign Affairs</b> Hoshyar Zebari	<b>Minister of Health</b> *	<b>Minister of Higher Education</b> Abd Dhiyab al-Ajili
<b>Minister of Human Rights</b> Wijdan Mikha'il (F)	<b>Minister of Industry &amp; Minerals</b> Fawzi al-Hariri	<b>Minister of Interior</b> Jawad al-Bulani	<b>Minister of Justice</b> Safa al Safi (acting)	<b>Minister of Housing &amp; Construction</b> Bayan Daza'l (F)	<b>Minister of Labor &amp; Social Affairs</b> Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi
<b>Minister of Oil</b> Husayn al-Shahristani	<b>Minister of Planning</b> Ali Baban	<b>Minister of Trade</b> Abd al-Falah al-Sudani	<b>Minister of Science &amp; Technology</b> Ra'id Fahmi Jahid	<b>Minister of Municipalities &amp; Public Works</b> Riyad Ghurayyib	<b>Minister of Transportation</b> *
<b>Minister of Water Resources</b> 'Abd al-Latif Rashid	<b>Minister of Youth &amp; Sports</b> Jasim Muhammad Ja'far	<b>Minister of State for Civil Society</b> Wijdan Mikha'il (acting)	<b>Minister of State for National Dialogue Affairs</b> Akram al-Hakim	<b>Minister of State for National Security Affairs</b> Shirwan al-Waili	
<b>Minister of State for Foreign Affairs</b> Rafi Hiyad al-Isawi	<b>Minister of State for Governorates Affairs</b> *	<b>Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities</b> *	<b>Minister of State for Women's Affairs</b> Fatin Abd al-Rahman Mahmud (F)	<b>Minister of State for CoR Affairs</b> Safa al-Safi	



## [4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

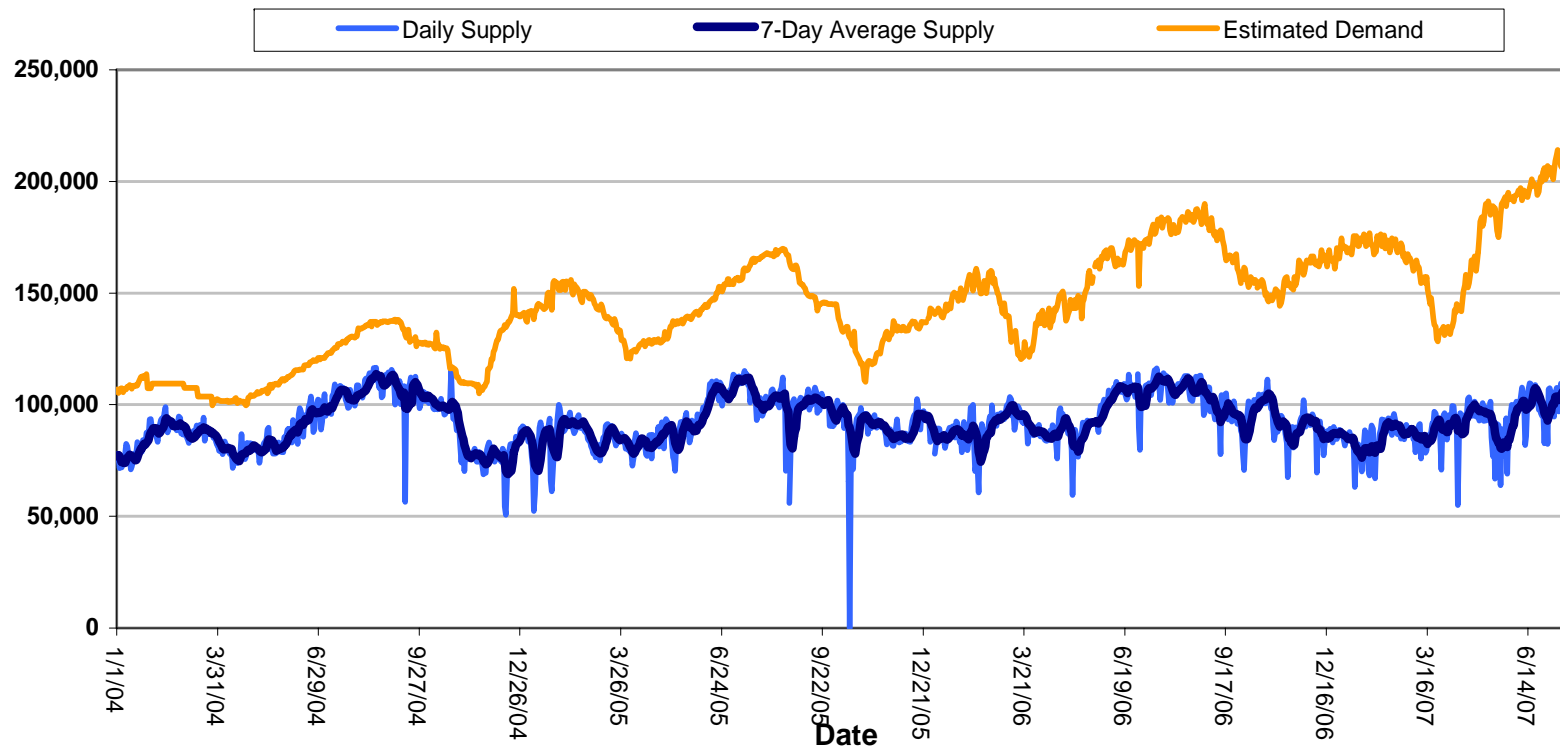
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Sector	Apportioned	Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,004.79	\$4,978.21	\$4,972.88	(\$5.33)	\$4,975.17	\$4,971.12	(\$4.05)	\$4,801.30	\$4,805.58	\$4.28
Electricity Sector	\$4,216.87	\$4,171.34	\$4,170.31	(\$1.02)	\$4,046.08	\$4,047.99	\$1.92	\$3,322.53	\$3,398.49	\$75.96
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,724.70	\$1,623.09	\$1,610.26	(\$12.83)	\$1,572.42	\$1,560.08	(\$12.34)	\$1,456.14	\$1,462.54	\$6.39
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,304.15	\$1,302.73	\$1,304.24	\$1.51	\$1,296.71	\$1,297.34	\$0.64	\$1,091.94	\$1,100.66	\$8.72
Democracy	\$998.35	\$998.31	\$997.34	(\$0.97)	\$997.26	\$997.34	\$0.08	\$961.62	\$967.19	\$5.57
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$409.84	\$399.94	\$399.76	(\$0.18)	\$399.76	\$399.76	\$0.00	\$369.57	\$370.63	\$1.06
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.60	\$327.81	\$321.52	(\$6.30)	\$320.75	\$320.26	(\$0.49)	\$227.06	\$229.33	\$2.26
Health Care	\$815.55	\$770.76	\$770.62	(\$0.14)	\$758.77	\$761.11	\$2.34	\$670.64	\$681.46	\$10.82
Transportation and Communications	\$456.72	\$455.45	\$452.70	(\$2.75)	\$447.17	\$447.03	(\$0.15)	\$354.40	\$357.69	\$3.30
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,115.79	\$2,006.40	\$1,989.31	(\$17.08)	\$1,962.86	\$1,943.42	(\$19.44)	\$1,615.15	\$1,646.26	\$31.11
Private Sector Development	\$811.91	\$809.12	\$807.85	(\$1.27)	\$807.85	\$807.85	\$0.00	\$765.43	\$794.22	\$28.79
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$211.05	\$209.95	\$209.95	(\$0.00)	\$209.95	\$209.95	(\$0.00)	\$187.92	\$188.08	\$0.17
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,403.32</b>	<b>\$18,053.11</b>	<b>\$18,006.75</b>	<b>(\$46.37)</b>	<b>\$17,794.74</b>	<b>\$17,763.25</b>	<b>(\$31.50)</b>	<b>\$15,823.71</b>	<b>\$16,002.14</b>	<b>\$178.43</b>
IRRF II Construction	-	\$10,341.38	\$10,308.23	(\$33.16)	\$10,089.75	\$10,073.11	(\$16.64)	\$8,657.33	\$8,774.35	\$117.03
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	\$6,713.42	\$6,701.18	(\$12.24)	\$6,707.72	\$6,692.79	(\$14.93)	\$6,204.76	\$6,260.59	\$55.83
IRRF II Democracy	-	\$998.31	\$997.34	(\$0.97)	\$997.26	\$997.34	\$0.08	\$961.62	\$967.19	\$5.57
<b>IRRF I Total</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</b>	<b>\$2,473.30</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,232.3</b>	<b>\$2,232.3</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,139.00</b>	<b>\$2,139.0</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Grand Total IRRF I &amp; II</b>	<b>\$20,876.62</b>	<b>\$20,526.41</b>	<b>\$20,480.05</b>	<b>(\$46.37)</b>	<b>\$20,027.04</b>	<b>\$19,995.55</b>	<b>(\$31.50)</b>	<b>\$17,962.71</b>	<b>\$18,141.14</b>	<b>\$178.43</b>



## [4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- Daily electricity demand July 25-31 was 22 percent above the same period in 2006. Daily supply from the electricity grid was six percent below 2006; it met 46 percent of total electricity demand, compared with 59 percent for the year-earlier period.
- Average hours of power via electricity grid after meeting demand from essential services: Baghdad 5.3 and nationwide 9.6.



## [4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Electricity, Essential Services Delivery, and Water**

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### Electricity:

- Electricity availability for the past week in Diwaniyah totaled 76 hours and in Najaf 42 hours. Diwaniyah's enhanced availability presumably results from the province's decision to disconnect the equipment controlled by the central government that limits the amount of electricity received by the province.
- The Ministry of Electricity announced a USD 49 million contract with a German company to renovate the Najaf power plant. The provincial government considers the lack of electricity to be a critical problem.

### Essential Services Delivery:

- Karbala's elected officials seem to be more publicly pursuing reconstruction efforts, perhaps in preparation for elections. The Governor hosted a regional municipality conference focused on improving service delivery with the participation of delegations from Wasit, Najaf, Diwaniyah and Babil. The delegations presented best practices on public works and established a regional municipality coordination committee. Conference outcomes included a decision to privatize waste collection and to increase private sector involvement in public service delivery. The five provinces appealed to the central government for assistance; the committee's first task is to develop multi-provincial projects such as transfer stations, landfills and recycling centers.

### Water:

- Area residents of Taji will receive improved water service from the completed U.S.-funded WTP & Network project, in Taji, Sabal Bour, Baghdad province.



## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

### Oil Update:

- Crude oil price averages in world markets for the week ending July 27 closed with the following prices:
  - Basrah Light at \$71.998/ barrel
  - WTI Cushing at \$75.224/ barrel
  - Dated Brent at \$77.084/barrel
  - Oman/Dubai at \$70.186/barrel

### Employment Update:

Employment Program	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% change
Gulf Region District (GRD) IRRF (Includes MILCON/OMA)	23,093	23,981	4%
US Agency for International Development (USAID) (ESF)	78,762	81,202	3%
Commander's Emergency Response Program (CERP)	4,320	3,670	-15%
Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq (MNSTC-I)	11,424	12,177	7%
GRAND TOTAL	117,599	121,030	3%

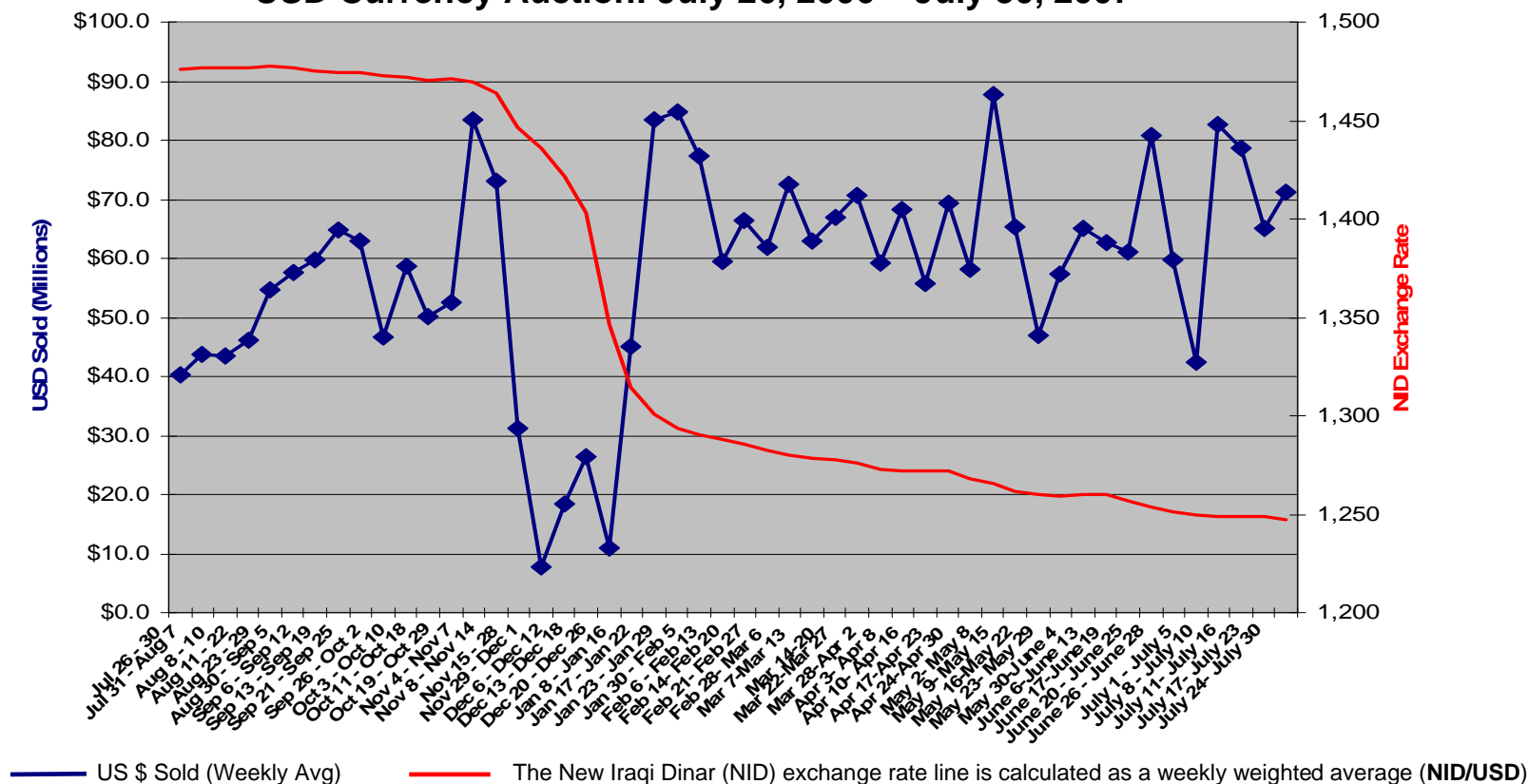


## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

### Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold of and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since April. Since September, the Central Bank of Iraq (CBI) has slowly appreciated the dinar, as suggested by the IMF, in an effort to rein in galloping inflation. There are early signs that this effort may have begun to bear fruit, as year-to-date inflation is 2.8%, which projects a pace well below the IMF annual target of 30%. However, this decline in the rate of inflation may be temporary, as the CBI has slowed its appreciation of the currency and the rate of inflation (particularly for energy prices) typically picks up in the second half of the year.

**Central Bank of Iraq  
USD Currency Auction: July 26, 2006 – July 30, 2007**



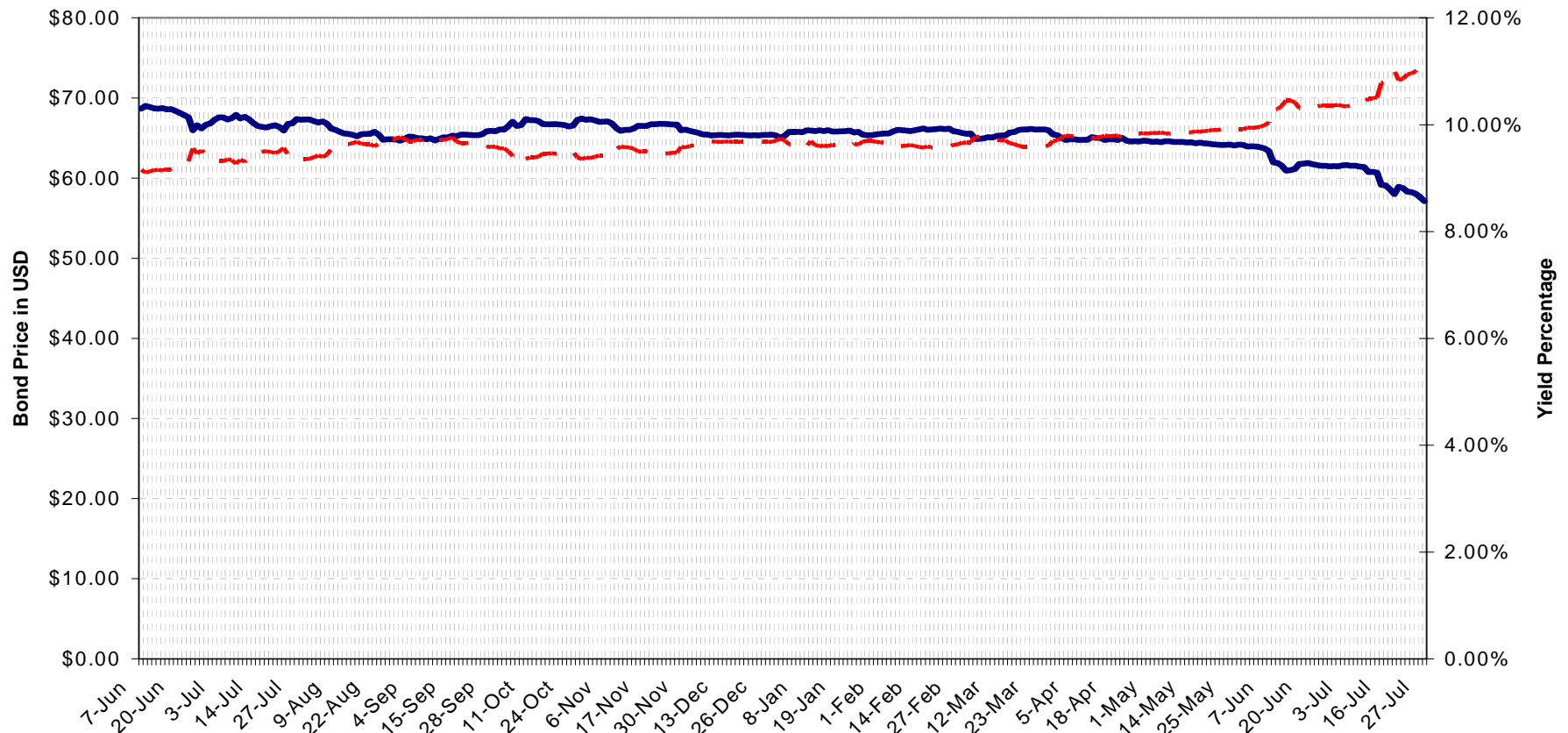


## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to approximately two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement as per Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028.

### Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales June 7, 2006 - July 27, 2007



Trading High = \$73.98 (January 24)

Trading Low = \$64.66 (August 30)



## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Economic Events

### CoR Approves World Bank Loan Agreements:

- The Council of Representatives (CoR) approved four World Bank loan agreements July 29 for highway reconstruction, hydro-electric power plants in Dokan and Darbandkhan, education projects, and electricity-related reconstruction. These agreements were signed by the Minister of Finance in April, approved by the Council of Ministers July 3, and required CoR approval to accept the disbursements of funds, allowing the projects to move forward.

### Rebuilding Iraq by Iraqi Hands:

- The Iraqi-American Chamber of Commerce and Industry hosted a conference, “Rebuilding Iraq by Iraqi Hands,” July 24-25 in Baghdad’s International Zone. The conference put forward a strategy for rebuilding Iraq while empowering local firms economically and technologically. Co-sponsors were Multi-National Corps-Iraq (MNC-I) and the Army Corps of Engineers. A mix of Iraqi and U.S. speakers addressed a range of topics from “Prospects for Economic Growth in Iraq” to “Facilitating Business in Iraq.” MNC-I speakers discussed the importance of the Mission’s vocational-technical training program and the Mission’s efforts to promote its “Iraq First” program, which provides Iraqi companies with contracting opportunities with MFC-I.
- Speakers also addressed the issues of expanding educational opportunities for Iraqis at home and abroad, revitalizing the private sector, and establishing a skilled workforce through the use of vocational schools. The problem of unemployment among both the uneducated and the elite (university-educated Iraqis) was also addressed. Local and MNC-I press covered the event.





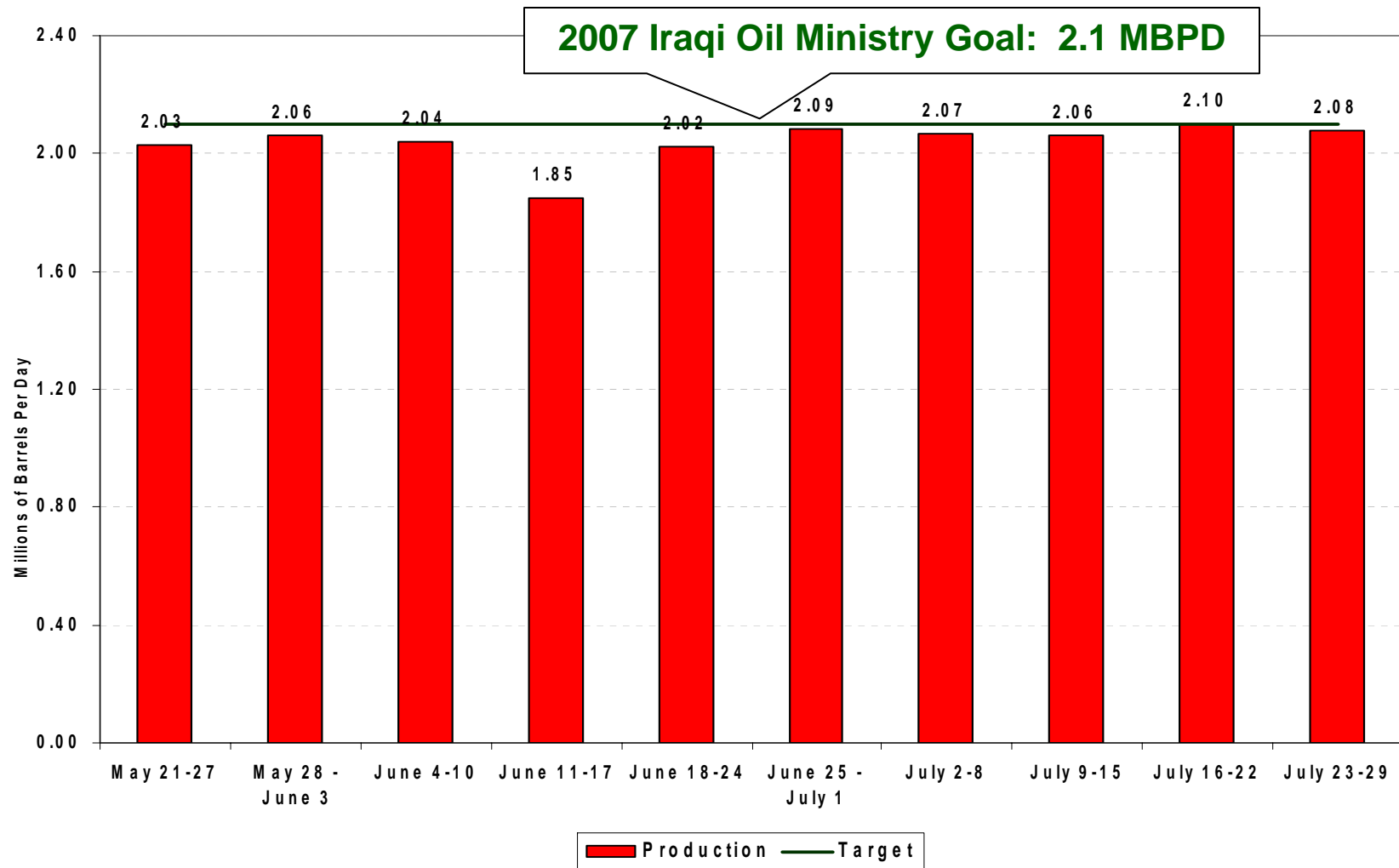
## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Economic Events

### Jordan and Iraq to Discuss Economic Relations:

- An Iraqi diplomat said that Jordan and Iraq will meet next month to discuss the settlement of all joint economic issues between the two countries; adding that a joint Iraqi-Jordanian committee will also meet next month in Amman to develop mechanisms for increasing economic cooperation, especially trade and investment.
- Iraq's approximately \$1.3 billion debt to Jordan represents a commercial debt to Jordan's Central Bank representing the costs of goods exported to Iraq by Jordanian merchants.

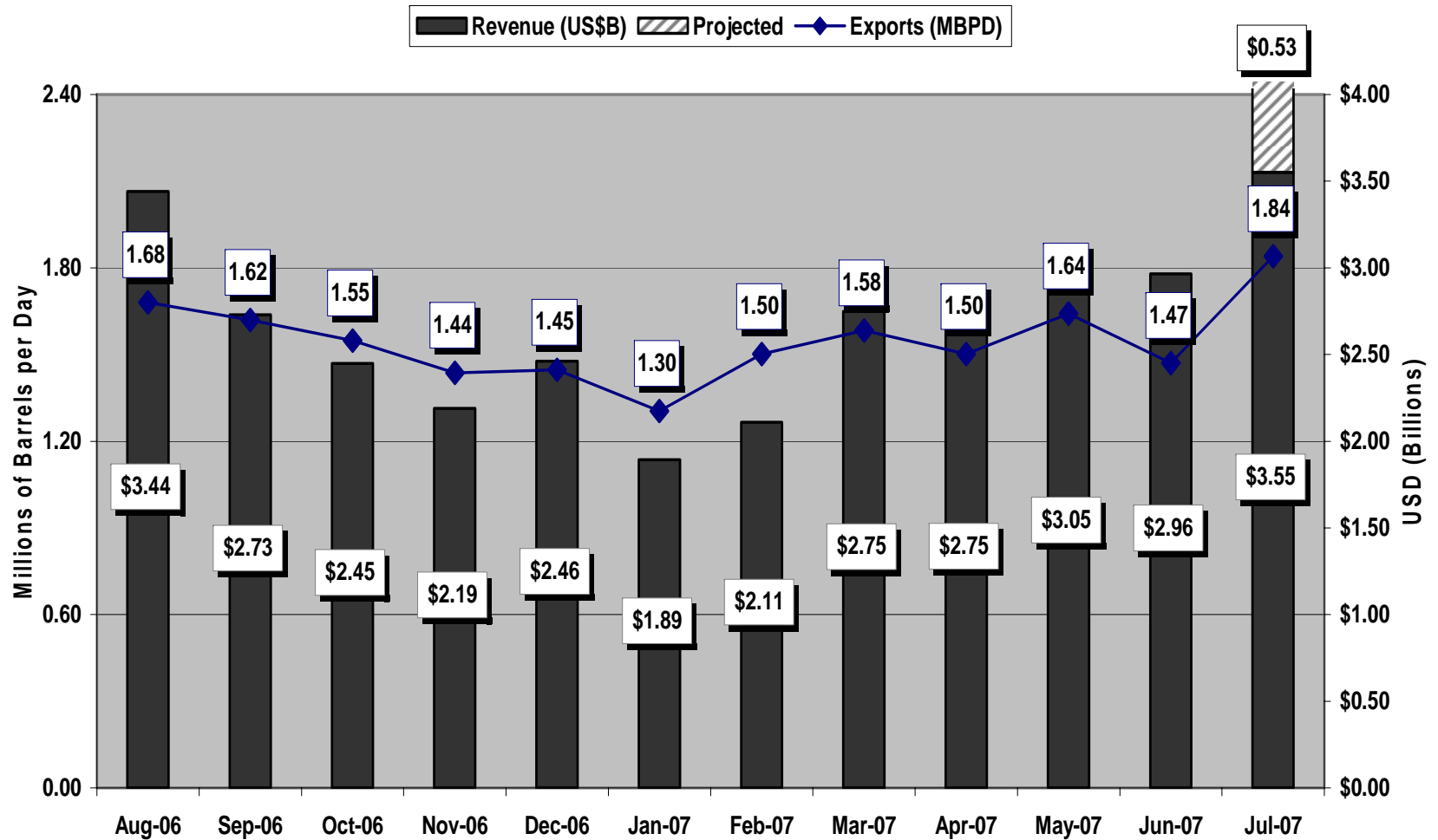


## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export





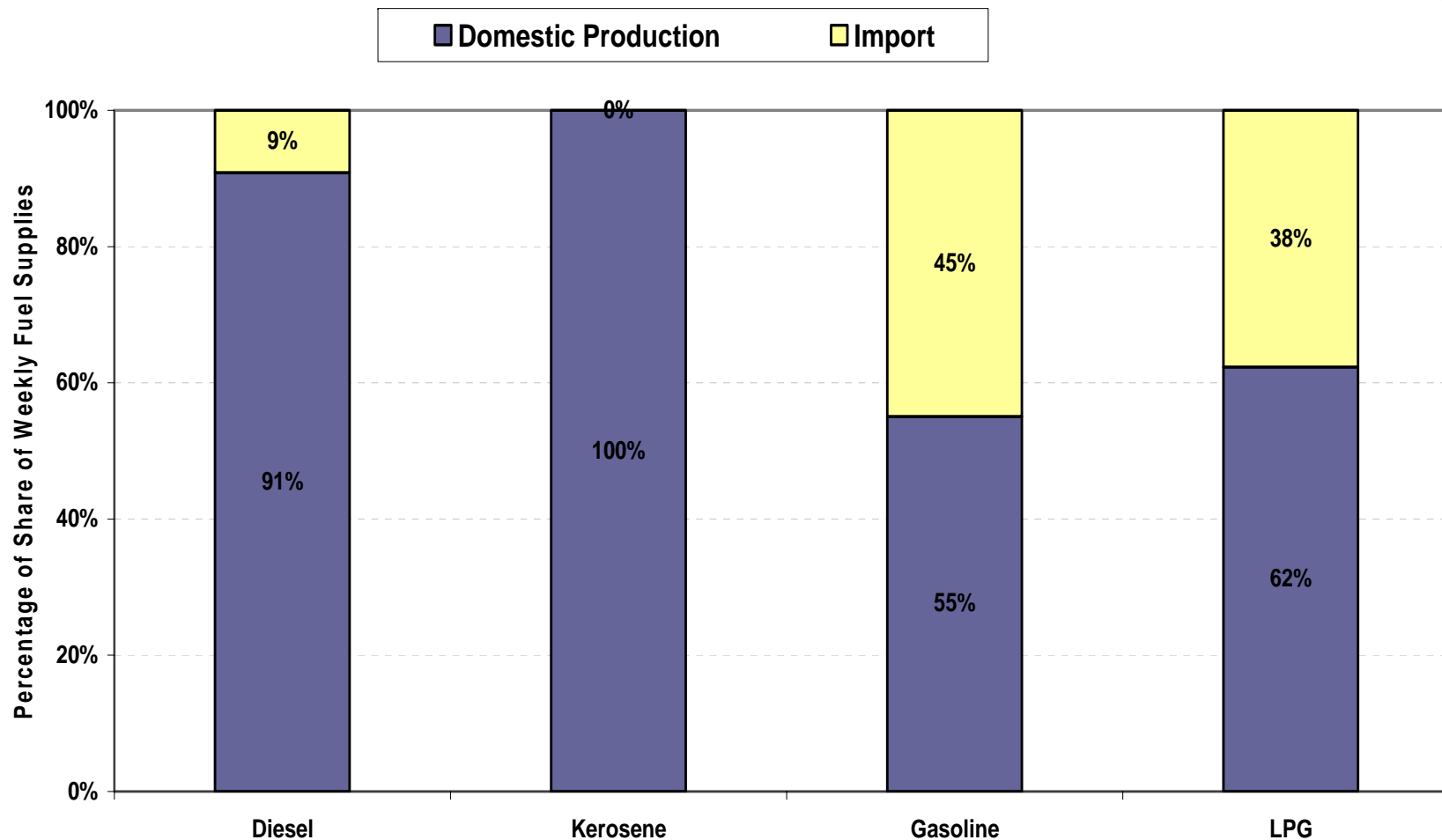
## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$19.1 Billion (Year to Date)



## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies

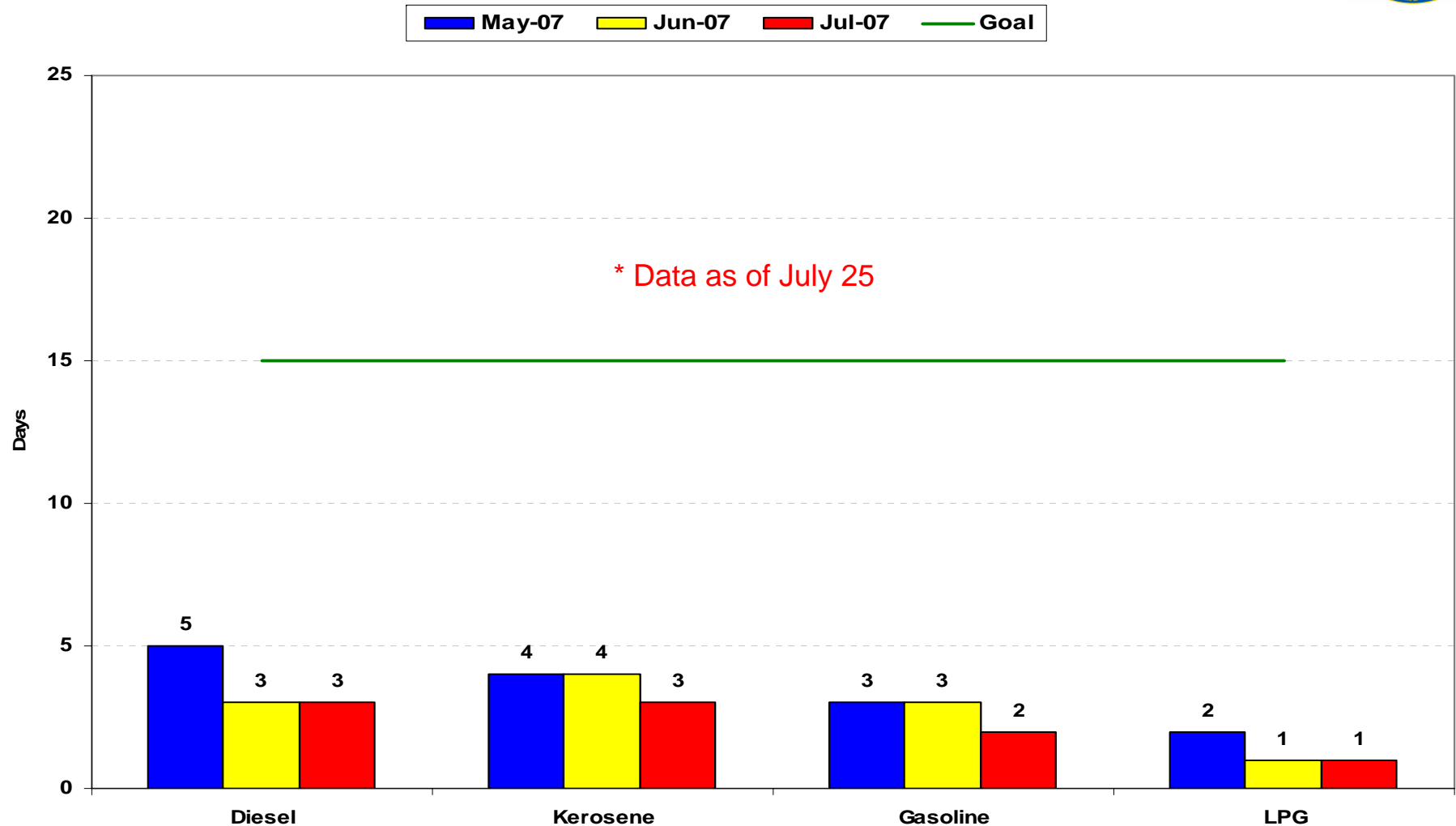


Note: This is a daily average for July 1-25

- Diesel: 11.0 ML supply of 22.4 ML target
- Kerosene: 2.4 ML supply of 7.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 11.7 ML supply of 21.0 ML target
- LPG: 2,650 tons supply of 5,130 tons target



## [5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels



- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



## [6.] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights– Iraqi Judicial System

### Justice Taking Place in the Rule of Law Complex:

- In Baghdad, the Iraqi government has established a well fortified compound to shelter judges and their families and secure the trials of some of the most dangerous suspects. The Rule of Law Complex, as it is known, is in the Baghdad neighborhood of Rusafa and incorporates the existing Baghdad Police Academy and Rusafa Jail. Since beginning operations in May, it has received over a thousand pre-trial detainees from over-crowded Iraqi facilities, held judicial reviews of 1,470 cases, and begun holding trials. To date, it has tried 43 suspects. The Ministry of Finance has signed a \$48.8M Letter of Offer and Acceptance, committing the GOI to fund the operations of the Complex fully from August 1 to December 31, 2007.
- The Iraqi government will take over the cost of protecting and operating the complex next month and has approved \$49 million for the effort. The hope is that a network of legal complexes will be established in other parts of Iraq, starting with the capital of Anbar province, Ramadi, where work is expected to begin in the next several months.



## [7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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### Saudi Arabia to Consider Diplomatic Ties with Iraq:

- Saudi Arabia pledged August 1 to explore opening diplomatic relations with the Shiite-led government in Iraq, an endorsement long sought by the United States. The Saudi Foreign Minister, Prince Saud al-Faisal, told the visiting U.S. Secretaries of State and Defense that his country would soon send a diplomatic mission to Baghdad to "explore how we can start an embassy in Iraq." Saudi Arabia has had frosty relations with the Iraqi government of Prime Minister Nuri Kamal al-Maliki and has not hidden its suspicions that Maliki does not have the interests of the Sunni minority of Iraq at heart.

### Denmark to Transfer Responsibilities:

- Denmark, which is currently withdrawing its troops from Iraq, was due to transfer its responsibilities in Southern Iraq to the Iraqi and the British Armies in early August. Denmark recently sent a unit of four helicopters and about 50 soldiers who will do aerial recognition to support the Iraqis and the British over the next five months, according to a statement of the FKO.



## [7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

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### Jordan and Syria Discuss Iraqi Refugee Situation:

- Jordan and Syria stated during a conference on Iraqi refugees that they have been abandoned by the West to deal with the massive burden of more than two million Iraqi refugees who have fled the violence in their homeland. Both countries issued urgent calls for help on expanded resettlement opportunities in the West, as well as financial assistance.

### President Bush and Gordon Brown Present United Front:

- President Bush and the new British Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, presented a united front during a press conference at Camp David, re-affirming that the “special relationship” between the U.S. and Britain has not changed.





## [7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

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### 25 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

Albania	Denmark	Korea	Poland
Armenia	El Salvador	Latvia	Romania
Australia	Estonia	Lithuania	Singapore
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Macedonia	Slovakia
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Moldova	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Mongolia	UK
Czech Republic			

**TOTAL ~ 11,508 Forces**

\*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

**33 Countries and NATO\***  
(including US)  
**Support Iraqi Stability Operations**

\*33 includes the 25 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and seven NATO, non-MNF-I countries: Iceland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey



## [8.] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

### Soccer Victory Lifts Iraqis:

- The Iraqi national soccer team won a 1-0 win over Saudi Arabia to become Iraq's first-ever Asian Cup champion July 28. Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis poured into the streets in a outburst of good feeling and national pride, demonstrating a unity welcomed throughout the country.
- Iraqi television channels broadcast images of the celebration for hours. Parades clogged streets from Irbil to Karbala, from Basra to Mosul, from Ramadi to Baghdad. In Irbil, a city in the Kurdish region in northern Iraq, Kurds mixed freely with Arabs displaced from other parts of the country. Though Kurds have often sought to disassociate themselves from the turmoil in the rest of Iraq, thousands chanted "Iraq! Glorious Baghdad!" in the streets after the game.
- "We are all one today, with one heart for Iraq and against terrorism," said Mahmoud Fadhil, a displaced Baghdad resident who now lives in Irbil. "Look, over here there are Sunnis, Shiites, Kurds, Christians, all of them with one heart today."



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